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**UTILITY
PATENT APPLICATION
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Attorney Docket No.

END-0736

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Title

Blade with Functional Balance Asymmetries for Use with Ultrasonic Surgical Instrument

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
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 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
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4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 17]
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

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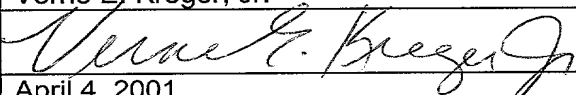
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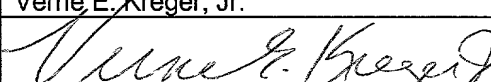
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